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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 and 29-43 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-28 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

This office action is in response to applicants' response filed on 09/30/08. Claims 1-43 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eaton et al. ("Eaton") US 2003/0101343 in view of Knouse et al. hereinafter "Knouse" US publication Number 2003/0074580.

As per claims 22 and 24, Eaton fails to disclose requiring and forbidding the user to connect to the application session of the plurality of disconnected application sessions based on rule from a rule source. Knouse discloses this feature (see Knouse fig 15-16; paragraphs 0139, 0157, 0165, 0237, 0314, and 0339). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Knouse's features to Eaton's to securely provide access to content to users that businesses and organizations deem authorized (Knouse par 0008). One skill artisan at

the time of the invention would be motivated to do so to effectively secure and manage all various network-based interactions (see Knouse par 0009).

As per claim 23, Eaton-Knouse teaches rule created by one of a user or administrator (Eaton, paragraphs 0071,0094-0095; 0026; Knouse, par 0102 and 0139).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21 (2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 17-21 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eaton et al. hereinafter Eaton US publication number 2003/0101343 A1.

As per claim 17, Eaton teaches a method for providing remote access to a plurality of application sessions (abstract, 0026), the method comprising: transmitting authentication information associated with a user operating one of a first computer or a

second computer (fig 2, 13, paragraphs 0027-0028, 0094-0095); receiving a user prompt indicating whether to connect to a first disconnected application session identified from a plurality of disconnected application session associated with the user during operation of the first computer (par 0026, 0071 and 0098) and receiving application output from the first application session in response to transmission of the user's indication to connect to the first application session (see paragraphs 0071 and 0098).

As per claim 18, Eaton teaches method of claim 17 wherein the receiving application output is automatic upon the transmission of the user's indication (fig 2, 13, paragraphs 0026-0028, 0071,0094 and 0098).

As per claims 19-20, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 further comprising: receiving a user prompt to indicate whether the first application session should be terminated and remain disconnected (see par 0010, 0032, 0051-0052).

As per claim 21, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of active application sessions is initially connected to a first client computer and, upon transmitting the information, the user is operating a second client computer (0032, 0051-0052).

As per claim 25, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 further comprising selecting by the user a single user interface element to automatically connect to the plurality of disconnected application sessions associated with the user (Eaton, paragraphs 0039, 0056, and 0097-0098).

As per claim 26, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 further comprising automatically transmitting the authentication of the user from one of the first computer or the second computer operated by the user (see Eaton par 0028 and 0094-0095).

As per claim 27, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of disconnected application sessions was connected to a first client computer prior to disconnection and, at connection, at least the first application session of the plurality of disconnected application session is reconnected to the first client computer (0098-0099).

As per claim 28, Eaton teaches a method of claim 17 wherein the plurality of disconnected application sessions was connected to a first client computer prior to disconnection and, at connection, at least the first application session of the plurality of disconnected application session is connected to a second client computer (0098, 0099).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/30/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued that Eaton does not disclose providing the user a menu option to select one of a plurality of disconnected application sessions.

Examiner submits that Applicant fails to provide support for this added limitations in the claims. Therefore, examiner will not consider it at this time.

Furthermore, assuming that there is support for this limitation, examiner believes that Eaton-Knouse teaches the features argued by applicant (see Eaton par 0026, 0071, and 0098). Accordingly, the rejection regarding claims 17-28 is maintained.

Claims 1-16, and 29-43 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 571-272-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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